

STATE OF MONTANA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
DRAFT 2014 TRIBAL RELATIONS TRAINING

"Partners in Building a Stronger Montana"

December 16, 2014 ♦ 7:30 am to 4:00 pm ♦ Red Lion Colonial Hotel, Helena
Emcee: Salena Hill

- 7:30 am** **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00 am** **Opening Ceremony**
- *Color Guard: Montana Youth Challenge Academy*
 - *Prayer: Francis Auld, Tribal Spiritual Leaders (Kootenai)*
 - *Honor Song: Winfield Russell, Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council Vice-President (Northern Cheyenne)*
- 8:30 am** **Welcome Address: Governor Steve Bullock**
- 8:45 am** **Remarks: Superintendent Denise Juneau** *(Blackfeet/Mandan/Hidatsa)*
- 9:00 am** **Keynote: Tribal Sovereignty in the 21st Century**
Del Laverdure, Crow Nation Special Legal Counsel, Former Bureau of Indian Affairs Secretary (Crow)
- 9:45 am** **BREAK**
- 10:00 am** **Honoring Native Cultures and Traditions**
Francis Auld, Tribal Spiritual Leaders (Kootenai)
- 10:30 am** **Tribal Governments in Montana**
Jason Smith, Montana State Director of Indian Affairs (Kootenai)
- 10:45 am** **Sharing the Boundaries – Working Together for Positive Outcomes**
- *Michael DesRosier, Glacier County Commissioner (Blackfeet)*
 - *Sidney Fitzpatrick, Big Horn County Commissioner (Crow)*
 - *Senator Sharon Stewart-Peregoy, Senate District 21 (Crow)*
- 11:45 am** **LUNCH** *(provided)*
- 12:30 pm**
- 12:45 pm** **Special Guest Speaker:**
Tuff Harris – Former National Football League Athlete *(Crow/Northern Cheyenne)*
- 1:30 pm** **Successful Collaborations Breakout Sessions (concurrent, select one):**
- Health and Human Services – Moderator: Lesa Evers, Tribal Relations Manager Department of Health and Human Services *(Blackfeet/Turtle Mountain)*
- Education – Moderator: Shannon O'Brien, Governor's Policy Advisor on Education
- Law & Justice – Moderator: Kqyn Kuka, Game Warden, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks *(Blackfeet)*
- Natural Resources and Economic Development – Moderator: Jason Smith, State Director of Indian Affairs *(Kootenai)*
- 2:45 pm** **BREAK**
- 3:00 pm** **Integrating the Indian Ways**
Winfield Russell, Vice-President Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council (Northern Cheyenne)
- 3:30 pm** **Indian Language Preservation Panel**
- 4:00 pm** **Closing Remarks:** *Lieutenant Governor Angela McLean*